

## Prices and Prospects.

### THE COAL STRIKE SITUATION SENDS PRICE OF SPOT FURNACE COKE TO \$2.75

**West Virginia Competes With the Kentucky for Coal Orders.**

#### INTEREST IN FURNACE COKE

For Second Half is Renewed; Negotiations Held to be Under Way; Operators Expected to Get \$2.75; Foundry Cokes in Demand and Unchanged.

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PITTSBURGH, June 7.—The coke market turned still stronger late last week, operations having no difficulty in securing \$2.75 for furnace coke both for spot shipment and for shipment over this week. In one or two instances \$2.85 is reported as having been paid.

While the stiffening in the prompt market is attributed in some quarters to curtailment in production, the theory is not altogether tenable in view of the fact that several suspensions were in force last week, including one important one involving a Cleveland consumer. These suspensions are now running out.

An important influence in stiffening the coke market was the strike of coal miners in the Pittsburgh district, whereby more than 75% of the union product was shut off. Lower Connellsville operators expected a heavy demand upon them for Connellsville coal in consequence, and their ideas as to coke values were accordingly raised. It turned out that they were unable to sell much coal at the prices they had in mind, as brokers found West Virginia coal at prices that would put it into Pittsburgh on strongly competitive terms. West Virginia, having rates of 75 to 85 cents to Pittsburgh, these values were made at delivered prices equivalent to nearly \$2.00 at Pittsburgh district mines, and there were a few sales at still higher prices. Yesterday the striking miners began to return to work, pending a settlement, but thus far only a small portion of the mines have resumed. Coal buyers, however, feel that their prospect is improved and they have not been inquiring for much coal since Monday.

There is renewed interest in furnace coke for second half delivery and some negotiations are understood to be under way. Thus far operators have not quoted under \$2.75, and apparently they expect to secure this figure, or very close to it. The contract coke market is thus somewhat more clearly defined, as until lately there was no indication of the market except sales made some time ago, these being at \$3.00 early in the year and at \$2.50 later, so that rather a wide range was indicated. Now the market may line up to about \$2.75, but necessarily it seems fair to quote it at \$2.50, the basis of the last contracts, to \$2.75, the present asking price. Foundry cokes in full and unchanged, and the market as a whole is quotable as follows:

Month	Furnace	Foundry
January	\$2.14	\$2.00
February	2.41	2.00
March	2.45	2.00
April	2.45	2.00
May	2.41	2.00

The pig iron market has become extremely quiet. Foundry from inquiry is generally limited to small lots of carloads to 200 tons and prices are maintained chiefly because furnaces are not tempted to make cuts by the small amount of business going. Inquiry for basic is only occasional. There is considerable tentative inquiry for Bessemer iron for exports, but inquiries appear to be holding off in hopes of a further decline in ocean rates. W. P. Snyder & Company report average prices in May, based on actual market sales, at \$29.833 for Bessemer, an increase of 11.3 cents, and \$18.67 for basic, an increase of 18.07 cents. Bessemer is basic, since the sale of 15,000 tons to Republic at \$18.00, Valley, have all been at \$18.25, and the market is quotable as follows:

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#### LITER COAL SHIPMENTS.

Show Market Falling On Since the Strike Was Inaugurated.

During the latter part of May the coal trade of the Monongahela river was very much reduced by the strike of the miners. During the first 20 days of the month shipments held close to the average, but after that period the mines began to close down and shipments fell off rapidly.

During the month there was 2,582,700 bushels of coal loaded through Lock No. 5, which is 3,000,000 bushels less than in the month of April, and fully 2,000,000 under the normal shipments for the month of May.

To Develop Lignite Field.

The Ramsey Coal Company has acquired 200 acres of coal near Wilkeson, on the Laramie Valley railroad which will shortly be developed.

## Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

### Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING, JUNE 3, 1916.	WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 1916.
DISTRICT.	Ovens. In. Out. Tons.	Ovens. In. Out. Tons.
Connellsville	20,858 18,784 2,125 287,249	20,858 18,828 2,034 287,500
Lower Connellsville	17,685 15,784 1,951 184,623	17,685 15,960 1,776 194,903
Totals	38,544 34,568 4,076 471,872	38,544 34,787 3,810 482,403
FURNACE OVENS.	Ovens. In. Out. Tons.	Ovens. In. Out. Tons.
Connellsville	16,984 15,419 1,565 196,245	16,984 15,567 1,417 195,689
Lower Connellsville	5,582 5,081 501 68,216	5,582 5,081 501 62,666
Totals	22,566 20,500 2,066 264,461	22,566 20,648 1,918 258,355
MERCHANT OVENS.	Ovens. In. Out. Tons.	Ovens. In. Out. Tons.
Connellsville	3,575 3,315 240 40,804	3,575 3,321 254 42,120
Lower Connellsville	12,109 10,553 1,450 181,307	12,109 10,878 1,225 156,387
Totals	15,684 13,868 1,690 222,111	15,684 14,199 1,479 198,507
SHIPMENTS.	WEEK ENDING JUNE 3, 1916.	WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 1916.
To Pittsburgh	4,150 Cars.	4,117 Cars.
To Points West of Pittsburgh	6,258 Cars.	6,504 Cars.
To Points East of the Region	1,570 Cars.	1,538 Cars.
Totals	11,978 Cars.	12,159 Cars.

### LACK OF MARKETS THE REAL DANGER IN BY-PRODUCTS

Some of Them Have Been Developed on a War Basis Only.

#### OTHERS NEED TO BE CREATED

Among Them a More Diversified Outlet for Pitch Which Constitutes 80% of the Volume of the Savings Effected by the Return Process.

In a discussion of the subject some months ago, The Courier pointed out that before by-product coke making could be considered as firmly established, and its success as commercial proposition assured, it would be necessary to find more diversified markets for the by-products. This statement was based upon the facts well established by the then state of the art and trade, and it is being confirmed by recent developments in the industry and the conclusions reached by experts who are giving close attention to the business and much thought to its future.

One of the investigators along these lines is William H. Childs, president of a large company engaged in the merchant manufacture of by-products. At the meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute last week he read a paper in which he sounded a timely warning of the dangers confronting those who would inconsiderately rush into the business with the expectation that the profits to be derived therefrom will continue to be as high as they have been in the past war-time basis. Having an intimate knowledge of the facts, his utterance must be regarded as coming from a person speaking as with authority. That they are so considered in iron and steel circles is evidenced from the comment thereon by The Daily Iron Trade. Commending a study of President Childs' paper to those who would venture into this comparatively new field of manufacture, the organ of the iron trade says: "They will find that the market is likely profitable from the standpoint of saving money which they otherwise might have invested in such plants to their sorrow. For this leading American authority puts clearly before his hearers the fact, patent to everyone, that the coal and coke industry is not the manufacture of these products, but the manufacture of by-products, not even their sale under present conditions. But the actual problem rests in finding a market for that usually discarded portion of the residue known generally as pitch, which is estimated to make up over 80% of the actual volume of the saving effected by the by-product process. He suggests a proposed market, or, at least, about the greater use of pitch as a fuel, use as road material, etc. But this takes time, money and energy. He says it has been difficult, and no better authority on the pitch market is known in this country than the Barrett Company.

These matters appear today merely as petty details to most manufacturers. But let them understand further that pitch rates play just as important a part in the final marketing of by-products as they do in finished iron and steel, marking out just as definite freight zones in which products may be disposed profitably as in the case of pig iron. President Childs' paper is worthy of careful study, with a pencil in one hand and paper in the other.

As an auxiliary of iron and steel making plants, where the production of a by-product is the first consideration, and the recovery of by-products incidental, the by-product plant has proven its utility. But even in this association the greatest economy in the cost of making coke is not attained without there is a large revenue derived from the sale of by-products. Where plants are equipped solely for the production of coke for commercial uses, even more dependence must be placed upon the recovery end of the operation in order to insure success than is necessary in a plant operated in conjunction with blast furnaces. Whether operated as a furnace adjunct or as merchant plants, the market for many of the by-products must be sought while markets for others must be created.

### NORTHERN REGION PLANTS PURSUING AN EVEN COURSE

Maintain Full Time Average in Production and Shipments.

#### TAKE CARE OF COKE CONSUMERS

While Shipping Coal Whenever Mine Output Can Be Boosted to Provide a Surplus Not Needed at the Ovens: Shift in Coke Movement Noticeable.

The Upper Connellsville and Greensburg-Connellsville coke districts are pursuing an uneventful course in production and shipment of coke, making full time average and sending out coke as requirements of consumers demand. Working conditions were somewhat disturbed last week by the recurrence of the Decoration Day holiday, several of the plants running but five days. This week the men are making better time and to that extent the situation is more satisfactory from the operators' point of view.

Shipments of coke are keeping well up to the average prevailing for some weeks past. There was a noticeable shift in movement last week, shipments to Eastern points falling off about 4,200 tons, but this discrepancy was made up by an increase of an almost equal tonnage in the shipments West. The total movement was practically the same as for the previous week.

There is continued activity in coal to supply the demand created by the suspension of mines in the Pittsburgh district. Coke operators are not allowing this to interfere with the requirements of their coke consumers, but whenever or wherever it is possible to boost mine output it is being done inasmuch as shipping coal at prevailing prices is really as desirable as shipping coke, and is more easily done.

Shipments in tons from the two regions for the week ending Saturday, June 3, were as follows:

District	East	West	Total
Upper Conn.	8,400	10,470	18,870
Greensburg	3,555	8,588	12,143
Totals	11,955	19,058	31,013

Compared with the previous week these totals show a loss of 4,195 tons in Eastern and a gain of 4,090 tons in Western shipments, or a net loss of 105 tons from both districts. By districts the Upper Connellsville gained 3,552 tons in Western shipments, and lost 2,631 in Eastern, but made a net gain for the week of 921 tons. The Greensburg-Connellsville district gained 538 tons in Western shipments and lost 1,584 in Eastern, thereby sustaining a net loss of 1,046 tons for the week.

The following tabulation shows the output of these districts by weeks in tons of 2,000 pounds for 1916 to date:

Week	Upper Connellsville	Greensburg-Connellsville	Total
Jan. 8	19,372	18,340	37,712
Jan. 15	20,104	19,912	40,016
Jan. 22	19,469	19,958	39,427
Jan. 29	20,130	19,570	39,700
Feb. 5	20,711	19,629	40,340
Feb. 12	20,127	22,079	42,206
Feb. 19	20,431	19,002	39,433
Feb. 26	20,431	19,002	39,433
Mar. 5	20,431	19,002	39,433
Mar. 12	20,431	19,002	39,433
Mar. 19	20,431	19,002	39,433
Mar. 26	20,431	19,002	39,433
Apr. 2	20,431	19,002	39,433
Apr. 9	20,431	19,002	39,433
Apr. 16	20,431	19,002	39,433
Apr. 23	20,431	19,002	39,433
Apr. 30	20,431	19,002	39,433
May 7	20,431	19,002	39,433
May 14	20,431	19,002	39,433
May 21	20,431	19,002	39,433
May 28	20,431	19,002	39,433
Jun. 4	20,431	19,002	39,433

#### Record in Furnace Building.

The new blast furnace of the Cambria Steel Company at Johnstown was blown in on Saturday. By constructing this furnace in 85 days, including the preparation of the plans, a new record in furnace building has been established.

#### New Division Freight Agent.

J. Howard Magee has been made division freight agent of the Western Maryland railroad with headquarters at Cumberland. He will also act as coal agent.

## Production and Output.

### CONNELLVILLE REGION PUTS OUT 431,000 TONS COKE AND SHIPS CONSIDERABLE COAL

#### COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

The Connellsville coke trade has receded in volume 5,000 tons and stands at 431,000 tons with production and shipments practically on a level. Briefly the district is still operating approximately 90% of its ovens to 90% of their rated capacity, though over 300 ovens were put out of blast last week. The putting out of the ovens does not seem to have been accompanied by the putting out of any men. The latter are busily engaged in digging coal for the market. This trade, estimated at 200,000 tons weekly, is on the increase. Some plants are loading all the coal they can, while others are loading only such coal as they can spare from their operations. This would create a variety of coal and coke prices. Memorial Day was more honored in the breaking of coal for the service. There seems to be no stock movement in coke. Stock is neither laid up at the ovens nor loaded up for sale.

The strike of miners in the Pittsburgh district has stiffened the market for furnace coke and operators have no difficulty in securing \$2.75 for spot shipment. The interest in furnace coke for second half delivery has been renewed and some negotiations are under way.

#### A LONG SHUT-DOWN OF MINES IS EXPECTED

Union Men of the Pittsburgh District Not Expected to Return to Work as Instructed.

The more radical element in the union membership are persistent in their demands for disciplining the district officers. Steps are being taken to call a special convention to be held next Monday for the purpose of starting out proceedings against President Van Buren of District No. 6. The expectation is general in the Pittsburgh district that a long shut-down of the mines will result following the action of the miners at the recent convention in Pittsburgh. There is apparently no disposition on part of the men to return to work pending a consideration of their complaints by the international executive board.

The Pittsburgh Coal Company has issued orders to take the mines out of the pits, draw their shoes and turn them out to pasture. This is taken as an indication of the company's determination to consider no compromise on the issues raised by their employees, and as part of a preparation for long idleness.

A few of the smaller mines are reported as being ready to resume, but not sufficient in number or output capacity to have any effect on the considerable tonnage. The Lilly Coal & Coke Company near West Brownsville has posted notice that such men as do not return to work this week will be discharged. A few men have reported, but the majority have declined to do so. It is said that in anticipation of a shut-down of long duration a large number of men have already left the district.

At the Hazel Kirke mines of the Pittsburgh-Westmoreland Coal Company an agreement has been reached whereby the men are to return to work under the provisions of the old scale, without increase in the price of mine supply, pending a decision of the questions in controversy in the district generally. The miners of the Ellish world Collieries Company threaten to quit work, having the same grievance as other miners now already on strike.

#### IN OTHER COKE MARKETS

Little Activity Shown at Buffalo; By-Product Strong at Chicago.

The Coal Trade Journal says the Buffalo coke market shows little activity and supplies in consumers' hands are apparently large enough to carry them along for the present. Prices are holding about steady at \$5.10 to \$5.25 for 72-hour Connellsville foundry; \$3.75 to \$3.85 for 48-hour furnace; \$3.60 to \$3.70 for stock coke.

In Chicago the by-product coke market says The Black Diamond, is quite strong as has been previously quoted. The June circular on by-product coke is at \$4.70 f. o. b. Chicago, but this is a nominal price, since most of the ovens are asking and getting from \$4.55 to \$5.20. The other prices remain as they have been.

#### Southern Coal Rates Revised.

A revision of coal rates has been ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission, reducing rates 5 to 20 cents a ton from the Alabama fields to the Mississippi river and increasing rates from Illinois and Kentucky with a view to placing mines of the latter states on a competitive basis with mines in Alabama.

#### British Coal Exports Fall Off.

Exports of coal from Great Britain during the first four months of the year show a decided falling off from the figures for the same period of last year, and they were less than for the preceding year.

The Coal Trade Expands and is Perhaps More Than 30,000 Tons Weekly.

#### VARYING PRICES OF EACH

Car Supply is 100% Efficient for the Coke Trade and There is Just Now a Surplus of Coal Cars Caused by The Pittsburg District Strike.

The Connellsville coke trade fell off some 5,000 tons last week, but production and shipments remained practically the same at 431,000 tons. The region continues to operate approximately 90% of its ovens to 90% of capacity though a net decrease of over 300 ovens is reported in the active list. While six days continues to be the running rule of the coke regions there are a few plants which confess to five and even four days. Memorial Day was not generally observed at the coke plants. Some plants laid off and others held their ovens over one day to load coal. On account of the strike in the Pittsburgh coal region there is an unusual demand for Connellsville coal. This coal is being supplied wholly from the Lower Connellsville region. One large firm reports selling more coal than coke. Some plants are loading all the coal they can and others hold their ovens over one day to load coal for coking operations. This would argue that prices of both coke and coal vary somewhat in the Lower Connellsville region. There has been no stock movement from either furnace or merchant plants. The coke output has been loaded directly upon the cars. The car supply for coke is reported to be 100% of requirements; there are just now more coal cars available than are needed, but this condition is not expected to continue any longer than this week. It has been created by the Pittsburgh district strike. Labor is still in fair supply, though some men say they could use more men if they had them. Some of the ovens put out of blast last week represents curtailment incident to this condition.

Production for the week ending Saturday, June 3, was 431,872 tons, of which the merchant plants made 172,311 tons and the furnace plants 259,561 tons. By districts, the Connellsville region produced 237,249 tons and the Lower Connellsville region 194,623 tons. Compared with the previous week this indicates that while furnace production was practically the same there was 6,000 tons less merchant coke went out. The coal movement explains this.

Six days was the running time generally, but Elizabeth, Mount Hope, Orient, Thompsons and Washington report five days account of Memorial Day. The furnace interests are operating 90.8% of their ovens while the merchant operators have but 87.4% of their ovens lighted. The region as a whole is running 89.4% of its ovens. There was a net decrease of 219 active ovens last week, 410 having been put out while but 91 were blown in. Among the latter were 10 at Herbert and 71 at Isabella. Among the ovens dropped from the active list were 178 at Orient, 50 at Solon, 80 at Thompsons, 14 at Olivera, 10 at Ellen, 10 at Dorothy and 64 at Leisnering 2 and 3.

Shipments for the week ending Saturday, June 3, aggregated 11,987 cars carrying 431,235 tons of coke consigned as follows:

District	Cars	Tons
Pittsburg District	4,150	148,783
West of Pittsburgh	6,258	224,015
East of Connellsville	1,579	55,437

Compared with the previous week this shows a cutting down in Western shipments of 9,106 tons. Pittsburgh shipments gained 1,245 tons, which is practically no change. Eastern shipments are growing again. A couple of weeks ago they had fallen below 60,000 tons, but they are mounting again. While much foundry trade goes East it is also the market for considerable furnace coke.

The record of production and output for 1916 to date by weeks is shown in the following tabulation:

Week	Fur.	Mer.	Total	Ship.
Jan. 1	1,216,412	100,280	379,778	342,533
Jan. 8	1,251,204	178,674	429,868	431,844
Jan. 15	1,248,394	171,859	420,125	410,139
Jan. 22	1,242,514	168,292	400,806	382,144
Jan. 29	1,235,076	187,040	442,616	422,366
Feb. 5	1,251,487	181,805	432,182	420,645
Feb. 12	1,265,781	177,528	441,809	428,450
Feb. 19	1,258,502	168,485	471,287	394,130
Feb. 26	1,265,190	180,070	445,260	451,833
Mar. 5	1,264,100	180,342	444,342	428,028
Mar. 12	1,268,001	188,908	457,894	463,244
Mar. 19	1,252,808	178,881	432,689	429,768
Mar. 26	1,270,112	180,276	450,488	458,337
Apr. 2	1,275,894	201,101	476,995	473,924
Apr. 9	1,288,467	197,207	485,674	485,473
Apr. 16	1,270,703	192,217	462,920	484,303
Apr. 23	1,261,379	189,660	445,220	452,872
Apr. 30	1,247,430	170,870	407,300	400,262
May 7	1,240,000	182,200	411,200	410,420
May 14	1,235,288	177,871	403,678	404,977
May 21	1,230,841	174,890	405,441	404,100
May 28	1,233,353	178,427	438,812	437,091
Jun. 3	1,239,561	172,311	431,872	431,235

Ohio Miners Get 8 Holidays. Eight holidays and all Sundays are recognized as legal holidays for the miners of Eastern Ohio in the contract signed by the mine workers and the Pittsburg Vein Operators' Association. The eight-hour day and the 48-hour week were approved.

#### Contracts for New Bessemer Plant.

Announcement is made that the Mark Manufacturing Company has begun letting contracts for the Bessemer steel plant and pipe mill it is to build in Indiana Harbor, Ind.



**Present Basis of 100,000,000 Tons Annual Production Means the Exhaustion of 12,000 Acres Per Year; Will Continually and Gradually Increase**

**Locating Extensions.**  
Engineers of the Pennsylvania railroad are making the location of the extension of the Turtle Creek Valley branch which is intended to tap the coal field in northern Westmoreland county to be developed by the Cambria Steel Company.

**Photographing W. M. Scenery.**  
J. W. Stewart, advertising agent  
of the Western Maryland railroad  
making a trip over the line to secure  
photographs of the points of scenic  
beauty for the purpose of illustrating  
advertising matter.

Total	In	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address.
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## JUDGE REPERT IS FIRM BELIEVER IN WORKING PRISONERS

**Tells Grand Jury of Good Results From Putting Them on Roads.**

## JAIL NO PLACE TO REFORM MEN

**Idleness Breeds Vice, He Asserts; Experiments in Putting Prisoners on Roads and County Farm Successful So Far; Criminal Term Opens.**

UNIONTOWN, June 5.—Employment of prison labor on Fayette county roads was defended today by Judge E. H. Reppert, who charged the grand jury at the opening of the June term of criminal court. After naming former Burgess R. S. McCrum of Lanesville as forerunner, Judge Reppert delivered the quarterly message to the grand jury, calling particular attention to the working of the prisoners in the county jail on the roads and in the county buildings. He declared that it was not only a saving to the taxpayers of the county, but tended to work a reformation upon the prisoners convicted of crime. He said in part:

"Idleness is the parent of degeneracy, vice and crime. That being the case, it is unnecessary to point out the almost inevitable effect of simple imprisonment in the county jail. Such imprisonment is practically segregation of the wrongdoer in enforced idleness. Its environment is hostile to every normal, healthy impulse. Its atmosphere deadens the power of choice and decision and the exercise of judgment in the common affairs of life and is equally fatal to energy and vigor of both body and mind.

"If degeneracy, vice and crime are the offspring of idleness, then no less is work the foundation of all reformatory discipline.

"For many years a limited number of prisoners have been employed satisfactorily in and about the jail itself and in care of the courthouse and grounds. Owing to sundry repairs, there has been more work of this kind in the last few months than heretofore, but in amount it has been entirely inadequate to supply the demand for those in confinement. There is no doubt that a very large percentage of those in our jail could be safely employed to their own great improvement outside its walls, and if steadily occupied, could be made self-supporting. Those who have made a study of prison labor regard it as established beyond question that it can be profitably used in road building and repairing and in agriculture; that it is only a question of adequate equipment and competent supervision and management.

"Recently a number of inmates of the jail have been engaged in making repairs to roads heretofore constructed and now maintained by the county, and a few others have been doing work on the Mount Braddock tract owned by the county. This has been by way of experiment on a small scale with such limited facilities as are at hand. The results so far are encouraging.

"Those engaged in this program recognize that its success depends in a great measure upon public support and approval. There is also involved an economic question of importance to the taxpayers. The county controller will give to each of you a copy of his last annual report and will point out to you those items showing what it has cost the county during the past year to maintain its prison population in the jail, penitentiary, workhouse and reformatory. The total is interesting. If a substantial percentage of those in our behalf this expense is incurred could be steadily employed at no greater cost at productive labor such as agriculture or at labor for which the county would otherwise have to pay, such as constructing or repairing county roads, it would manifestly be advantageous to all concerned.

Petitions are to be presented to the grand jury by the county commissioners to have changes in the construction of several new county roads already authorized by the grand jury. Regarding these, Judge Reppert said in his charge to the grand jury:

"We trust you will give these petitions thorough investigation. It is important in the highest degree that of that character best suited to give the service required. Our observation leads us to believe that taxpayers do not begrudge the money spent for public improvements where such improvements are necessary for public use, where their construction is efficiently managed and where for every dollar expended a dollar of value is received. Those charged with the responsibility for making these improvements will appear before you and state their reasons for asking the changes set forth in these petitions."

## ACCIDENT RESULTS IN PATENT

**P. & L. E. Brakeman Develops a Train Signaling System.**

L. L. Parkhill of Dawson, a brakeman on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, has secured a patent in the United States and Canada for a system of signaling by means of which any part of the longest freight train is in instant communication with the engineer.

Brakeman Parkhill was at work on a train that backed into the coal tipples at the Larr mine and put it out of commission for two weeks. Had he been able to signal the engineer the accident could have been avoided. The mishap set him to thinking, and he worked and experimented with his patents for about two years.

Dies at Conemaugh. Mrs. Elizabeth Cason Coughenour, mother of Mrs. William Saxton of Scottsdale, died Tuesday at her home at Conemaugh.

## ONLY TWO CITIES ASSESS ALL PAVING COST AGAINST OWNERS

**Connellsville and Altoona Follow This Plan in the State; Some Cities Pay All.**

According to statistics compiled by the state department of labor and industry, Connellsville and Altoona are the only third class cities in the state which require property owners to pay all of the cost of street paving. Most of the other cities pave at least the street intersections.

Beaver Falls pays 20 percent, Corry, Dubois, Monongahela City, Hazleton, Johnstown, Pittston and Thiruvallur pay one-third of the cost and Reading and Lancaster are reported as paying all the paving out of city funds.

Connellsville is reported to have 11.7 miles of brick paving. This compares very favorably with the amount of paving in other cities of its size; in fact, the mileage is greater than most of the others.

The reports show that municipalities which assess costs against the property owners are able to do less paving than where the city assumes the expense.

The average cost of about asphalt runs from \$1.70 to \$2.94 a square yard. Brick paving costs from \$1.60 to \$2.50 a square yard on a concrete base and as low as \$1.25 on a gravel base. The most recent cost of wood block paving is \$2.72 a square yard.

The department is now making a tabulation of paving costs in boroughs of 5,000 population and over.

## SIX PROPERTIES SOLD

**Sheriff Sales Dispose of a Number in This Section of the County.**

Six properties in Connellsville and nearby townships were sold by the sheriff at Uniontown on Saturday. Execution on several properties were stayed and a number were continued until Monday afternoon. Those sold were:

Dunbar township—Two lots in East Liberty; sold to P. E. Ogilvie for \$500. Property of James Hager, taken at suit of the administrators of the estate of R. H. Wright, deceased.

Dunbar—Lot and brick building in Connellsville street; sold to Connellsville Building & Loan Association for \$155.62. Property of Louis Marshall, taken at suit of Connellsville Building & Loan Association.

Connellsville—Two lots in Olive street; sold to the Connellsville Building & Loan Association for \$138.77. Property of Armstead M. Taylor, taken at suit of the Connellsville Building & Loan Association.

Bullskin township—Two tracts in East End Terrace plan; sold to Bruce F. Sterling for \$5,506. Property of Claude D. Anderson, John M. Robinson and Samuel A. Coughenour, taken at suit of Samuel Barnhart.

Bullskin township—One-third acre of land and dwelling on Connellsville Mount Pleasant road; sold to R. S. Matthews for \$50. Property of Mrs. R. Grimm, taken at suit of Fayette Building & Loan Association.

Connellsville—Lot fronting 10 feet in Murphy avenue and lot fronting 54.5 feet in Prospect street; sold to the Connellsville Building & Loan Association for \$250, and lot fronting 40 feet in Prospect street; sold to H. George May for \$73.53. Property of Albert A. Newbold, taken at suit of the Connellsville Building & Loan Association.

## MORE TEACHERS QUIT

**School Board Will Have to Fill Seven Vacancies for Next Year.**

Two members of the high school faculty and two grade teachers have not signed contracts for next year. Paul Saunders, teacher of chemistry at Milton, Wisconsin, and Miss Louise Hench, domestic science teacher, will give up teaching and return to her home in Harrisburg.

Miss Hattie Henry, one of the efficient grade school teachers, has accepted a position at a higher salary at Swissvale, and Miss Ruth Baer of Dunbar, did not apply for her school.

Other teachers who had previously expressed their intention not to return this year are W. W. Harris of the high school faculty, who will study law at Ann Arbor; Miss Marie Kenney at the high school and Miss Edith Wagner, of the grammar. Both of the latter will be June brides.

## CASE IS SETTLED.

**Councilman and Health Officer Fix Up Their Differences.**

The case in which D. R. Wadsworth, a South Connellsville councilman, was charged with assault and battery by W. B. Helms, health officer of the same borough, was settled after a hearing before Alderman Lawrence, Donegan on Thursday night. Mr. Wadsworth admitted the charge and the prosecutor withdrew the charge when the defendant paid the costs.

Councilman Wadsworth is said to have elected Helms from the South Connellsville borough building on Thursday night during a discussion of the propriety of keeping pigs within the borough.

## ANOTHER EXAMINATION.

**Applicants for Adelaide Postoffice to be Tested June 21.**

Another examination for the position of fourth class postmaster at Adelaide will be held at the Connellsville postoffice on June 24. The position pays \$272 a year.

At the last scheduled examination no candidates showed up. Applications must be in seven days before the examination.

## Baptist Association Meeting.

The annual convention of the Pittsburgh Baptist Association will be held Thursday and Friday at Monaca. The following delegates from the Baptist Church have been appointed: Austin Cable, Mr. and Mrs. David Randolph and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Boyer. Rev. Wilbur Nelson, the pastor, and probably others of the congregation will attend.

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## SENIORS PRESENT FINE CLASS PLAY; THEATRE JAMMED

**Standing Room is at a Premium for "Are You a Mason?"**

## ANOTHER WIN FOR SEAWRIGHT

**Assistant Principal Repeats Success of Former Years and Class of 1916 Shares With Those Who Have Gone Before the Laurels as Fine Actors.**

That good old farce, "Are You a Mason?" which has made thousands laugh in its dramatic and pleuricized form since its first production many years ago, was produced by talented members of the high school graduating class in the Colonial Theatre Thursday night in true professional style. The lower floor and balcony of the theatre were completely sold out and a great many were compelled to stand. It was a house worthy of such a splendid performance.

The thorough training given the young folks who played the various roles in the farce was evident throughout. The work of Assistant Principal W. H. Seawright, the man who put the class in Connellsville class plays, was apparent in the results achieved. Although the cast as chosen by him from his observation of their talent in this line during the school course, without the rigorous schooling during rehearsals much of the play would not have "gotten over."

The story of the farce is well known. It is full of ludicrous situations, calculated to test the calibre of amateurs. As done last night, none of the opportunities were lost.

Too much credit cannot be given to Ripley Laughrey and Junior Marshall, to whose lot fell the principal comedy roles. Young Laughrey evidenced remarkable stage presence as "Frank Perry," the husband whose efforts to pose as a Mason for his wife and mother-in-law's benefit, got him into all sorts of scrapes. Junior Marshall portrayed old "Mr. Bloodgood," a very difficult role, in convincing manner. It is hard for a youth of 17 or 18 to play the part of a man of 50, but Marshall did it with rare skill.

James Rush assisted much in the fun-making as "George Fisher," the stock broker, and later while masquerading as "Mr. Bloodgood's" long-lost daughter. In both parts he was all that could be desired.

Sadore Featherman left no room for criticism in the way he handled the role of "Ernest Morrison," a young architect, making the most of every opportunity it offered him. James Reese, as "John Halton," Philip Shal-leberger, as the down-and-out actor, and Elwood Kenney, as a policeman, completed the list of male characters and all were good.

While the "fat" parts in the farce went to the boys, the girls scored heavily, too. Hazel Lynn, as "Mrs. Bloodgood," had the most important feminine part, and played it splendidly, there being no trace of amateurishness in her work. Josephine Zimmerman, Mary Aline Atkinson and Elizabeth Kurtz were charming as the daughters of "Mrs. Bloodgood." Helen Buttermore had a real Irish brogue as "Nora," the cook; Florence Buttermore got all that could be gotten out of the character of "Mrs. Angelina Halton," and Frances Simpson, the cloak model, and Helen Davidson, as a maid, contributed to the general excellence of the performance in no small degree.

There was no forgetting of lines, no missing of cues and no stage fright, or if there were, they were not evident to the audience, and "Are You a Mason?" is worthy of a place high on the list of successful class plays given by the local high school.

Commencement week comes to a close tonight with the annual commencement exercises in the Colonial Theatre.

## PRIZES ARE ANNOUNCED

**Awards Are Made at Dunns Store Baby Week.**

Prizes in connection with the weighing contest conducted in connection with Baby Day observed Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week at the E. Dunn store were awarded as follows: Heaviest baby, 6 months old or under, Jerry Gardner of Connellsville; 6 to 12 months, Charles R. Roberts of Hastings, Pa.; 12 to 18 months, Viola Mae Hillen of Snyderstown.

Lightest baby, 6 months or under, Henrietta Robb of South Connellsville; 6 to 12 months, Clifford L. Devar of Adelaide; 12 to 18 months, Vincent Lupton of Connellsville. Prizes of \$2 in merchandise in the infants' department were awarded each winner in the contest.

## TAXES ARE BOOSTED

**South Connellsville Borough Levy Is 8 Mills Higher.**

At a meeting of the South Connellsville council Thursday night the tax levy for 1916 was fixed at 14 mills, 12 mills for general purposes and two for the sinking fund.

This is an increase of six mills, the 1915 assessment having been 8 mills. A decreased valuation accounts for some of the increase but the remainder was to prevent the borough from going into debt for the year. The revenue for general borough purposes this year will be \$2,000 more than last year.

The millage has been too low in the past, borough officials say, making it impossible to meet expenses.

Council left with the board of health the question of whether the keeping of pigs within the borough shall be abandoned. The board recommends such action, although the members of council seemed to oppose it.

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## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ARE HELD AT DUNBAR HIGH

**Principal and Teacher Get Gifts From Class; W. S. Hartz is Orator of the Day.**

Professor W. S. Hartz of the California State Normal School delivered an address at the annual commencement exercises of the Dunbar High School, held Thursday evening in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dunbar, and following the program, in behalf of the class, presented Samuel H. Jones, the principal, with a handsome bracelet and Miss Elita Baker, a high school teacher, with a handsome friendship bracelet. The exercises were attended by a large and appreciative audience.

The class roll is as follows: Harry Bowman, Ruth McQuiggan, Gladys McClaesky, Isabel Scott, Rachel Semans, Gertrude Nemon, Emma Foltz and Fred George.

The following program was rendered:

Solo.....Miss Elizabeth Williams  
Vocal Solo.....Harry Bowman  
The Birth of the Brook.....Harry Bowman  
The Meeting of the Brook and the River.....Gladys McClaesky  
Vocal Solo.....Miss Elizabeth Williams  
Reading.....Isabel Scott  
Music.....Rachel Semans  
The Grass Will Grow.....Gertrude Nemon  
Donor.....Emma Foltz  
Vocal Solo.....Miss Elizabeth Williams  
Address.....W. S. Hartz  
Valedictorian.....Fred George  
Presentation of Diplomas.....Fred George  
Acceptance of Diplomas.....Orchestra

## DEFINES GAMBLING DEVICE

**Judge Says It Doesn't Matter If You Do Get Something.**

UNIONTOWN, June 5.—A chance in the hand and a chance in the bush" is the manner in which Judge E. H. Reppert in criminal court today described a slot machine, which he declared was a gambling device. The machine displayed in court was operated with nickels. A package of chewing gum came from the machine on every play, and the machine would indicate what would be received before the nickel was placed in it.

The machine was taken from a pool room formerly owned by Herman Gonnell in West Main street, Uniontown, and Gonnell was charged with keeping a gambling house and exhibiting gambling devices. It was admitted by Gonnell that he had the machine in his pool room, but his counsel, John Dugan, Jr., contended that inasmuch as a person knew what he was going to receive when he placed his nickel in the machine the machine is not a gambling device.

Judge Reppert declared the machine a gambling device and instructed the jury to find Gonnell guilty as indicted, notwithstanding the insistence of Attorney Dugan that the jury should decide for itself whether the machine is a gambling device.

## APPROVE GAME PRESERVE

**Experts Find Laurel Ridge Site Has Many Possibilities.**

The proposed game preserve on Laurel Ridge, embracing parts of Somerset and Fayette counties, has been approved by Charles L. Grizzly Bear) Smith, the veteran trapper, A. R. Gray and James B. Sanson, the latter field secretary of the Wild Life League, who spent part of last week camping in that section. They stopped off to visit with local sportsmen on their way back and were apparently much pleased with the possibilities of the tract as a sanctuary for grouse, wild turkey, deer, squirrels and other game.

The activities of the Wild Life League in this section of the state are broadening. On Monday night enthusiasts of the Smithsonian district will meet in Bonton Hall to organize a branch of the league. Mr. Sanson will be the speaker.

## A PRETTY PHENOMENON

**Crescent Moon and Two Planets in Close Conjunction Saturday Night.**

A fair sky Saturday night made visible a beautiful phenomenon in the western skies, due to a peculiar conjunction of the moon and the planets Venus and Saturn. The moon, which was in the form of a crescent, seemed to be the center of attraction for the two stars, Venus being about two degrees northwest and Saturn about three degrees southwest.

The shape of the three-day-old moon was almost identically the same as that of Venus when the latter was seen through a telescope of small power. It is seldom that the three planets become so closely associated. Last night they were much farther apart.

## JEFFERSON SCHOOL REUNION

**All Teachers and Old Scholars Will Gather There Next Saturday.**

A reunion of all the teachers and pupils who have attended the Jefferson school of Jefferson township since its organization will be held Saturday near Grindstone. Invitations have been sent out to all scholars and teachers.

Probably the oldest teacher who will be present at the reunion will be Joseph Miller, 70 years old, who lives in that vicinity.

## NAMES NEW AGENT.

**R. O. Claiborne Will Represent Frederick Piano Company Here.**

R. O. Claiborne has been appointed agent of the W. F. Frederick Piano Company for the Connellsville territory.

The Frederick company has not had a representative in this section for some time past.

## Opens Law Office.

Basil J. Soisson has resigned as salesman for the Soisson Fire Brick Company and has opened law office in Uniontown. He was recently admitted to the Fayette county bar.

## Widow Gets Estate.

In the will of William H. Jarrett, late of Scottdale, the entire estate is left to his widow. The real estate is valued at \$2,500 and the personal property at \$1,000.



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American Civic Association Seeks to Put an End to Disfigurement of the Public Roads and Lawns Concerning the Matter are Being Widely Spread.

There are doubtless many people who are unaware that the disfigurement by placing advertising devices on the telegraph and telephone poles, fences and other structures along the highways is a violation of the law. Candidates, some of whom are lawyers, are among the most flagrant offenders. Only less so are the advertising travelers who tack tin and paste-board signs over buildings, fences, trees and every immovable object they can find along the highways. All of this form of advertising is in open violation of state laws.

An early as 1903 a law was enacted which provided that no person shall paste, paint, brand or stamp or in any manner whatsoever place upon or attach to any building, fence, bridge, gate, outbuilding or property of another, whether within or without the limits of a highway, any written, printed, painted, or other advertisement, bill, notice, sign, card or poster, without first having obtained the written consent of the owner, or tenant lawfully in possession or occupancy thereof.

The same law also definitely prohibits the placing of signs of any character, save legal notices, upon any private property "without having first obtained the written consent of the owner or tenant lawfully in possession or occupancy thereof." This means that other tens of thousands of signs, candidates' announcements, and other devices, tacked on stables, blacksmith shops, fences, barns, out-buildings, and the like, are illegal, unless written consent of the owner or tenant has been obtained in advance. It is not enough to get consent after the sign is posted, and it is believed that a separate prosecution can be made for every offense; so that, for instance, ten tobacco signs erected by one man in one day on private property without written consent obtained in advance would probably subject the offender, upon conviction, to a penalty of not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

All signs and banners swung across the street are clearly illegal, and no mayor, burgess, council, or commissioners have any right to grant permission to erect such intrusions.

All signs or bills on the fences erected on the sidewalks or street to protect the work of tearing down or erecting buildings, and all signs on contractors' sheds, etc., placed on the street or highway are illegal and a

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**School Solicitor Starts Condemnation For High School Site.**

UNIONTOWN, June 5.—Solicitor H. G. May of the Connellsville School Board today appealed to court for the appointment of viewers for the condemnation of the property of Mary B. Showman, George B. Freed and Cuda F. Soisson for school purposes. These properties are part of the site for a new high school building to be located at the corner of Fairview avenue and South Prospect street. One of the property owners, J. A. Armstrong, who owns 40 per cent of the site, has sold to the board for \$11,500.

The report of the viewers on paving assessments for improved streets in Connellsville were submitted to court today.

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**Moving to Farm.**

W. H. Glasgow and family moved Wednesday from Scottsdale to the H. C. Frick Coke Company's Pleasant Level farm in Dunbar township, formerly occupied by the late James A. Childs. Mr. Glasgow is assistant general superintendent of the H. C. Frick Coke Company.

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## 36 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE GIVEN DIPLOMAS

A Fine Class is Graduated From Conneltsville High School.

### HONOR PUPILS ON THE PROGRAM

Splendid Addresses are Delivered by Howard Taylor, Elizabeth Kurtz and Edward Bishop; Dr. J. George Becht Gives Fine Talk to Graduates.

Sixty-three members of the Class of 1916 of the Conneltsville high school were shunted into the cold and cruel world Friday at the annual commencement exercises in the Colonial Theatre. For many of them the commencement meant the end of their school life and the beginning of the struggle for fame and fortune; for others, who will be fortunate of ambitious enough to secure more scholastic training, it was but a stopping place. For both the occasion was a momentous one. As the speaker of the evening declared, commencement is to be lined up along with marriage in point of importance in the lives of young folks.

The exercises were attended by a large audience, though not so large as those at the class play and the class day exercises. The graduates wore caps and gowns and each of the young women carried bouquets of red roses. Some of the boys wore the somberness of the effect of the gray gowns by pinning upon themselves a rose.

Only three members of the class participated in the program. Howard R. Taylor, high honor man in the class, delivered the valedictory address and it proved to be one that in point of literary excellence will stand up with any in the history of the school. Young Taylor departed from the general path of commencement subjects and pictured what a love for beauty might accomplish for Conneltsville. His description of what might be possibly in the way of a city beautiful along the historic Youghiogheny was a dream, admittedly, but what a beautiful dream.

Miss Elizabeth Kurtz, who made the second highest average in the academic course, discussed "Our Opportunity in South America." Her essay told what American business can accomplish in the southern republics if the proper methods are adopted; but aside from the merit of her treatment of a subject that is troubling expert minds, Miss Kurtz's excellent delivery elicited much favorable comment. She was entirely composed and her small voice carried to all parts of the big theatre.

Edward Bishop, first honor student in the commercial department, discussed "Playgrounds," outlining the necessity for supervised recreation in every community. He also delivered the welcome of the class.

The commencement address was a rare treat. Dr. J. George Becht, executive secretary of the State Board of Education, gave a talk that was inspiring to all who heard it and sure of benefit to the graduates.

Kiefer's orchestra played during the exercises. J. R. Davidson, president of School Board, presented the diplomas to the graduates. Rev. G. L. C. Richardson delivered the invocation and Rev. J. L. Proudfoot pronounced the benediction.

The class roll is as follows:

ACADEMIC.	
First Honor—Howard Taylor	
Second Honor—Elizabeth Kurtz	
HONORS.	
Mary B. Sherrick	Donald Kurtz
Oliver Morrow	Helen Davidson
Idolore Featherman	Mary E. Cunningham
Alice Styles	Mary A. Atkinson
Harriet Dunn	Louise Woods
GENERAL.	
Thelma Armstrong	Ripley Loughrey
Florence Buttermore	Hazel Linn
Edith A. Dunn	Earl Meyer
Bernard Goodman	Glenn Pyle
Joseph Loughrey	Catherine Strawn
Elaine Linn	Marjorie Sonek
Thomas McNeely	Robert Schell
Stanford Marshall	Arthur Bowman
James Rush	Edna Bengel
Catherine Sommer	Walter DeBolt
Philip Shallen	Edna Loomis
Burger	Edith McKee
Helen D. Buttermore	Helen Munn
Ross Sallay	Catherine Penn
Sara Devlin	James Shaver
Clara Harwick	Frances Salmon
	Josephine Zimmer
COMMERCIAL.	
First Honor—Edward Bishop	
HONORS.	
Henrietta Kopf	Catherine Brindlinger
Hazel Zverber	Berna Bryner
GENERAL.	
Marie Cox	John Graft
Jana Kaufman	Florence Rottler
Octavia Friel	Flora Rottler
Caroline May	Earl Shank
SPECIAL.	
Alice Herbert	Faustlin Wilson
Ana Jean Randolph	
Mildred Coleman	Solomon Madigan

### MAY A WARM MONTH

Official Figures Run About Four Degrees Warmer Than May 1915.

May 1916 was very much warmer than May 1915, according to the official figures for the two months as compiled by C. A. Farbaugh of the West Penn.

The average maximum temperature last month was 77 compared with 72.8 a year ago; the minimum was 56.5, compared with 52.9 and the mean temperature 66.7 against 62.9. These figures run about four degrees higher for 1916 than 1915.

The warmest day last month was the 25th when the mercury mounted to 89 while the highest mark reached in May 1915 was the 22nd when the tube reached 82. The coolest night last month was the 19th when the tube went down to 39 while it was one degree lower on the 27th, 1915.

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Here are the Students of the Conneltsville High School Class of 1916 Who are Graduated This Week



### SON GETS ESTATE, BUT IS TO MAKE HOME FOR FATHER

Henry Clay Township Woman Disposes of Property Worth \$3,000; Two Other Wills Probated.

UNIONTOWN, June 2.—Mrs. Lucinda Tissue who died at her home in Henry Clay township last February 24, left an estate valued at \$3,000 according to the application for letters testamentary filed in the office of Register of Wills Henry R. Titterton today. The will, disposing of this estate, was probated. The residuary estate is left to Charles Norman Tissue, a son, who is directed to "receive his father, Sebastian Tissue, in his own home and keep him as one of his own family." A bequest of \$10 is made to Mrs. Alice A. Tanner, a daughter, and \$500 to Sidney Glenn Tissue, a grandson, for his education. Letters testamentary were issued to Charles Norman Tissue.

Numerous bequests were made by Mrs. Rebecca Deffenbaugh, who died May 21 at Chest Haven, leaving an estate of \$500. The will provides that \$10 be paid to the trustees of the cemetery at St. Jacob's Church; the interest to be used in keeping her lot in repair. Five dollars is left to the St. John's Lutheran Church. Other minor bequests are made. The residuary estate is to be divided between Mary A. Whetstone and Nancy Cowan, sisters. Letters testamentary were issued to Lloyd Cagney of Point Marion.

Jacob P. Saylor, who died May 21 in Springfield township, left an estate worth \$2,500. The entire estate is to be divided between his two children, Gilbert J. Saylor and Lillie May Saylor. Letters testamentary were issued to Lucinda Forspring and John W. Showman.

### CLASSMATES OPPONENTS

W. & J. Men, Who Married Society Girls, Seek Same Office.

UNIONTOWN, June 1.—Classmates at Washington & Jefferson College, both of whom married prominent society girls in Washington, are opposing each other as candidates for the state legislature from the second district of Fayette county. They are James Espy Sherrard and William McDowell Bryson, both of Uniontown. They received their diplomas at Washington & Jefferson College in June, 1911, standing high in their class. Both expect to attend the first five-year reunion of the class at Washington during commencement week.

Mr. Sherrard formerly lived in Vanderbilt and is now an attorney in this city. He received the Democratic nomination for assembly, winning in a field of five candidates. Mr. Bryson is a member of the faculty of the Uniontown High School. He was nominated for assembly by the Prohibition party without opposition.

Almost immediately after their college careers, Messrs. Sherrard and Bryson married Washington girls. Mr. Sherrard married Miss Vaughn Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson, of 308 East Wheeling street, Washington. Mr. Bryson married Miss Emma Spriggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Spriggs, of 319 East Beau street, Washington.

While in college, both young men were members of the college Young Men's Christian Association and the Franklin and Washington Literary Society. In his junior year Mr. Bryson was one of the editors of the Washington Jeffersonian and was a member of the junior "prom" committee.

As Fayette county's second legislative district elects three members to the legislature, both Sherrard and Bryson are telling their old schoolmates here that they can vote for both of them and still have another man to vote for.

**Approve Theatre Plans.**  
The state department of labor and industry's bulletin for April shows that plans for two motion picture theatres in Conneltsville were approved during March, one for Wagner & Wisbert and the other for F. L. Mikalarias.

### PRINCIPAL SHINS UP POLE AND GETS 1917 CLASS FLAG

Smith Puts Quietus on Efforts of the Juniors to Start Rumpus.

### WHO PUT CAPS ON THE TRACK?

Series of Explosions During Commencement Address Gives Audience Bad Scare; Quiet Prevails After Exercises but Crowd Hangs Around.

Principal B. B. Smith of the high school faculty eliminated the cause for another class fight, such as that which made so much excitement on Wednesday night, by climbing the pole in front of the Colonial Theatre on Friday and yanking down a banner bearing the numerals "1917," which had been put up during the commencement exercises by valiant members of that class.

It had been rumored that the juniors would again try to start something by gaunting their banner in the faces of the graduates as they left the theatre. Principal Smith, it appears, heard the rumor and he removed the danger of another rumpus by tearing down the flag himself. Inasmuch as he is strictly neutral in the class rivalry, his action prevented the threatened outbreak. The seniors were not put to the necessity of fighting to maintain their honor and the juniors were relieved of the responsibility of starting another fight.

Scantling trouble in the air when they came out of the theatre and saw the 1917 banner, many of those who attended commencement remained in the vicinity of the theatre to see what would happen. Patrolman Aaron Coughenour also hung around. For a long time nothing happened. Then the principal appeared and without further ado tore down the banner. That was all there was to it.

The school authorities are wondering who was responsible for putting a half dozen or more caps on the trolley tracks outside of the theatre which were exploded by a car during the progress of the commencement address by Dr. J. George Becht. The series of explosions broke out on the night air with such suddenness that some persons in the audience were badly frightened and panic was on the verge of bursting forth.

### VESTRYMEN ARE ELECTED

Episcopalists Will Hold Services in German Lutheran Church.

At a meeting of the congregation of the Trinity Episcopal Church held Wednesday the vestrymen were elected. They are: John Wilder, junior warden; A. O. Stone, secretary; L. W. Brown, treasurer; J. S. Bryner, A. E. Vannatta, John Torrence, F. R. Graham, George Woods and C. C. Gray.

The senior warden will be appointed by the rector of the church at a later date. Rev. A. N. Clayton of Uniontown conducted the meeting. Services will be held each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the German Lutheran Church on South alley in the future. Arrangements are now being made to hold Sunday evening services.

### BASS FISHING SOON.

Season Opens June 15; Trout Will Go Out in July.

The open season for the real game fish, large and small mouth bass, which comes in on June 15, is being eagerly awaited by sportsmen of the county. That date will mark the opening of the camping season and many lovers of the open will go to the mountains.

Trout season has but two months yet, closing the last day of July and then the bass will have full sway until December.



HOWARD ROSSITER TAYLOR.

The class of 1916 of the high school is distinguished by having among its membership a student whose a year for the four-year course is the highest in record. Howard Rossiter Taylor, son of Mrs. F. R. Taylor of Washington avenue in the youth.

Howard Taylor excelled in all studies of the course, but his work in English won more than usual recognition from the teachers. He wrote the class song on class day and his commencement essay was of unusual excellence. He is also a musician of considerable talent.

### SCOTSDALE AFTER SHORTER ROUTE TO CONNELLSVILLE

Direct Road Through Everson From Pennsylvanians Advocated by Westmoreland Organization.

The construction of a direct route from Conneltsville to Scottdale is the aim of the Westmoreland County Good Roads Club, which has taken up with Fayette county officials the proposition of laying out a road from Pennsylvanians to Scottdale similar to that provided under the Spruill law.

Scottdale, it is pointed out, is without a direct route to the south, and is off the beaten track of the motorists. The main thoroughfare of travel is through Mount Pleasant. It is contended that a route just as short and equally as good as the Iron Bridge road could be constructed at little cost. In approaching Scottdale from the south it is necessary to go almost to Mount Pleasant and then turn back, or else travel by way of the Morgan valley, which is a roundabout route.

A road following the West Penn street car line from Pennsylvanians would give a direct route into Everson and Scottdale, and it is this and that is being urged by the Westmoreland good roads boosters. They have enlisted the support of many Fayette county men who recognize the need of a more direct way or reaching Scottdale by road.

### WANTS TRIAL LATER

Auto Agent Willing to Spend More Time in Jail.

UNIONTOWN, June 2.—Harry Ames Van Anken, who has been in the Fayette county jail for almost three months, has signified his desire to spend three more months in jail before he is tried on charges of conspiracy to defraud. Van Anken was brought here from Valdosta, Ga., by County Detective John J. Smith, after F. A. Chapman had pleaded guilty to a similar charge at the March term of court. Van Anken is accused of swindling automobile dealers and owners in Fayette county. A motion was presented to the court by Attorney H. K. MacQuarrie, Van Anken's counsel, asking that the trial be continued until the September term of court. At that time it is expected that A. C. Bidwell, said to be the ring leader of the auto supply agents, will be here to be tried.

### Gets Long Sentence.

WASHINGTON, Pa., June 1.—Thomas H. Talbot, who was convicted last week of robbing the First National Bank of Houston, Pa., of \$18,900, was today sentenced to serve not more than 10 years nor less than 8 years in the Western Penitentiary.

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### COUNCILMEN HOLD CONFAB WITH THE WATER OFFICIALS

Discuss Proposed Plan to Purchase Plant at Four-Hour Conference.

### RESULTS NOT MADE PUBLIC

Opinion Preliminary That Agreement is Not Far Off; Second Time Officials of Company Have Come to Town to Discuss Pending Negotiations.

Members of city council and Solicitor E. C. Higbee Thursday held a four-hour conference with A. M. Lynn, president of the American Water Works & Electric Company, E. M. Watt, vice president of the same company, and R. V. Little, local superintendent of the Conneltsville Water Company. An extended discussion of the city's negotiations for the purchase of the water company's plant took place at city hall, the result of which has not been made public.

Members of council would not discuss the conference and the water company officials could not be reached but it was intimated that the negotiations were nearer some sort of a definite conclusion than ever.

"The water company officials were never before sufficiently interested to make special trips here to talk the matter over with council," was the comment of one man who is in a position to know something about the matter.

This is the second conference between the heads of the company that controls the water company and city officials this year. On February 22 the same officials and their attorneys spent an afternoon with the council, at which time the matter was gone into at some length. The meeting did not last as long as the one yesterday, however.

At the last municipal election the electors approved a bond issue sufficient to purchase the plant of the Conneltsville Water Company or to erect a municipal plant. Since that time council and the water company have been clinking over a price. A complete inventory of the company's property was prepared at the time the officials visited here in February to show council what the plant consists of.

Some months ago, Councilman John Duggan, who has been aggressive in his opposition to the water company's methods here, declared that he would like to see the company's plant in terms.

### YOUTH RELEASED

Court Fixes \$1,000 as Bail On a Serious Charge.

UNIONTOWN, June 1.—Troy Christopher, of Fairbance, accused of a serious charge by Sylvia Telley, a 15-year old girl of Fairbance, was released from jail yesterday on \$1,000 bail fixed by Judge J. G. Van Swearingen after a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus. Young Christopher was committed to jail a few days ago by Justice of the Peace Alex Month of Fairbance for the June term of court.

In a petition for a writ of habeas corpus presented by Attorney John Duggan, Jr., to Judge Van Swearingen, Christopher stated that he was committed to jail yesterday on \$1,000 bail fixed by Judge J. G. Van Swearingen after a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus. Young Christopher was committed to jail a few days ago by Justice of the Peace Alex Month of Fairbance for the June term of court.

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### CLASS OF 33 GRADUATES AT THE DUNBAR TOWNSHIP HIGH

Diplomas Are Awarded 16 Girls and 17 Boys; Superintendent Carroll Presents Sheepskins.

A class of 33, 16 girls and 17 boys, was graduated Thursday night from Dunbar township high school. The exercises were held in the high school auditorium at Leisewitz and marked the closing of the commencement program. The large auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity with relatives and friends of the class. The members of the class are Harry B. Ainsley, Leroy Richardson Barnhart, Anna Mae Cunningham, Nellie Estelle Clark, Mary Catherine Condren, Annette Bell Cochran, Philip James Cochran, James Ernest Cogan, Thomas Maurice Crawford, Hazel Fern Edwards, Patsy Franks, Edgar Joseph Gallagher, Catherine Cecelia Hanley, Elma Naomi Harper, John Aloysius Henry, Joseph Hugh Henderson, William Andrew Hornell, Ray L. Hankins, Beatrice Katherine Keys, Edward James Linney, Dan James Laporte, Nora Marguerite Moore, Gertrude de Sabina Maden, Mary Catherine McGan, Edward Joseph Murtha, Omer H. McFerrer, Joseph Irving Minnick, Earl Milton Patterson, Mary Elbertine Reagan, Esther Rebecca Stoner, Hazel Gertrude Schuyler, Lillian Agnes Smith and Meta Martha Louise Weltz. Prior to the exercises the H. C. Frick Band played several selections at the school grounds. The program was as follows:

Salvatory..... Catherine Cecelia Hanley  
High school Essay..... Beatrice Kathryn Keys  
Music..... Annette Bell Cochran  
Music..... Philip James Cochran  
Music..... Hazel Fern Edwards  
Music..... Patsy Franks  
Music..... Mary Elbertine Reagan  
Music..... Esther Rebecca Stoner  
Music..... Hazel Gertrude Schuyler  
Music..... Lillian Agnes Smith  
Music..... Meta Martha Louise Weltz  
Presentation of Diplomas..... J. S. Carroll

### HOLD CONVENTION

Colored Missionary Societies Gather at Jacobs Creek.

A missionary convention was held at Jacobs Creek Baptist Church by the colored missionary societies of different circles.

Field President Mrs. C. Webster of Uniontown, Vice President Mrs. L. B. Thompson of Jacobs Creek, Secretary Miss Inez Walker of Conneltsville, and Assistant Secretary Mrs. L. Christine of Van Meter had charge. Mrs. R. Banner received all the visitors. A good dinner was served by the Misses Frances and Mary Moorman of Uniontown. The house was decorated with the prettiest flowers of the season and excellent music was furnished.

Out-of-town visitors were: Rev. F. H. Thompson of Uniontown; Rev. R. D. Epps, Rev. A. J. Payne and Rev. C. J. Wells of Conneltsville; Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Smith of Vanderbilt; Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Thompson of Jacobs Creek; Mrs. Evans of Dunbar; Mrs. Green of West Newton; Mrs. Blackwell of Grays Landing; Mrs. Dordale of Smithfield; Miss G. Walton of New Salem; and many others.

Miss Florence Rowe gave a very selection in whistling which was very much enjoyed. There was a fine sermon and good singing in the evening. Many white people were in attendance.

### VILLA CURRENCY.

In Conneltsville, But in Very Limited Circulation.

Howard Ankeny, a Conneltsville boy, now district agent of the Good-year Rubber Company at El Paso, Tex., has sent to E. W. Horner a sample of the Villa currency which the bandit has had printed by the bale. The bill received is very fancifully designed and printed and has a face value of 5 pesos, or dollars, but its actual value among Mexicans and Americans along the border is at the rate of \$600 for one real American dollar. In that territory this money is known as "wall paper."

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## SCHOOL BOARD, IN SECRET SESSION, BOOSTS SALARIES

May Tell Public Later Just What Transpired Behind Locked Doors.

### SOME OTHER BUSINESS DONE

School Picnic Will Be Held Next Monday at Shady Grove Park Along the Same Lines as in Previous Seasons; Carnival Lease Is Rejected.

At a special meeting of School Board behind locked doors Thursday, arrangements to hold the annual school picnic at Shady Grove next Monday were completed. Salaries were fixed for the ensuing year; a proposition to lease Fayette Field to a carnival was turned down, and miscellaneous matters in connection with the \$250,000 bond issue and condemnation of the high school site were completed.

It was announced after the meeting that some salaries of teachers had been increased, but nothing was given out as to which ones or the amounts. It was stated that more information on this might be given out later.

The school picnic next Monday will be along the lines followed in recent years. Manager R. S. Coyle of Shady Grove Park will furnish the students with free transportation and amusement tickets. South Conneltsville schools will participate, but the parochial school will join with Uniontown parochial school in a separate picnic later in the summer.

The discussion of a proposition to lease Fayette Field to a carnival company next week was turned down. School Board lease the field earlier in the month and word was received from the Baltimore & Ohio railroad that the contract had been approved and sent back to the Conneltsville division officials. The School Board is not in possession of the lease as yet.

In the meantime, someone else has leased the field to the Mighty Doris Exposition Shows, for John W. McDonough, its general agent, announced today that his shows would pitch their tents on Fayette Field. School Board not knowing this, refused to lease the field when the matter came up at the meeting.

### ALUMNI BANQUET

Dunbar Township's Old Graduates Have Fine Time.

Covers for about 60 were laid at the banquet of the Dunbar Township High School Alumni held Friday at 8 o'clock in the Cochran banquet hall at Dawson. The alumni colors, dark blue and gold, were attractively carried out in decorating.

William Tschobol of the high school faculty was toastmaster and Harry Crawford, president of the alumni, welcomed the class of 1916. Responses were made by Mrs. Friel, Carl Boyd, Bryce Colbert and Friel Barnhart, the latter president of the class of 1916. R. K. Smith, supervising principal of the Dunbar township schools, gave an interesting talk, "What the Alumni Can Mean to the High School."

The banquet was preceded by a business meeting and was followed by dancing. Music was furnished by Kiefer's orchestra. The favors for the ladies were white carnations and for the men red carnations.

### PRUGH IS RE-ELECTED

Jeannette Man Again Heads State Prohibitionists.

HAHRISBURG, June 1.—Dr. B. E. Prugh of Jeannette was re-elected chairman of the Prohibition State committee at the reorganization here yesterday. Charles L. Rummel, Shippenburg, was elected secretary and T. H. Hamilton of Harrisburg, re-elected treasurer. Dr. Prugh and D. B. McAlmont, Franklin, were elected members of the national committee.

George W. Hulse, Evans City; J. C. Hosick, Springdale; Isaac Monderson, Meadville; Harry W. Brown, Oscoda Mills; F. E. Whittlesey, Corry; Albert Gaddis, Uniontown; William Repp, Old Forge; D. S. Von Neida, Ephrata; D. B. McAlmont, Franklin; G. L. Pennock, Lansdowne; Elsie Kent Kant, Kushqua, and E. B. Lacey, Warren, were chosen members of the executive committee.

### MAY RAISE RATES.

Physicians of County Contemplate Changing Present Fees.

An increase in fees was discussed at the regular meeting of the Fayette County Medical Society Thursday evening in the First National Bank building in Uniontown. The doctors claim that owing to the constantly advancing price of drugs and other materials used by them an advance in fees is necessary.

Dr. H. C. Hoffman read an interesting paper on "Methods of Diagnosis." The topic was generally discussed. It was decided to hold the annual picnic the second week in July at the Summit Hotel. About 45 doctors attended.

### SMITHFIELD TEACHERS.

Ohio Man Chosen for Principal of the Grade School.

J. Arthur Johnson of Chanders Valley, O., formerly a principal at Warren, Ohio, has been elected principal of the Smithfield grade schools. Miss Alice McCracken of Smithfield was elected for room 4 and Miss Margaret Hartman was again chosen to teach room 2.

At a meeting a week ago Miss Jessie Ryan was chosen high school teacher, Miss Beattie McLaughlin of Everson was re-elected for room 3 and Miss Rebecca Brownfield was re-elected for room 1.

Marry in Cumberland.  
Miss Pauline McClain of Mount Braddock, and Russell Joseph Brubaker of Dunbar, were married yesterday in Cumberland.



## RAILROAD DISPUTE IS KEENLY WATCHED BY THE STATESMEN

Belief Exists in the Capital That There Will Be No Serious Break.

### GENERAL STRIKE NOT EXPECTED

Fact That Employes May Settle With Each Road Separately Leads to the Conviction That Serious Difficulties May Be Successfully Averted.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Officials in the national capital were keenly interested in the opening yesterday in New York of the series of conferences between representatives of the leading railroads of the United States and of the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen of the roads who recently presented demands, the most important of which were for an eight hour day with time and a half pay for all overtime. The railroads were prepared today to ask the representatives of the employes to consider counter proposals, which provide that there shall be no double compensation, as is demanded at times now by the employes, for the same time of service, and that in considering the compensation to be paid trainmen on a run the same classification shall apply to all members of a train and engine crew, that is, that it shall not happen, as is now the case frequently, that an engineer or some other member of a crew is paid on a through-freight classification whereas other members of the crew are paid on a local-freight classification, the claim by one or more members of the crew for the higher basis of compensation being based on the fact that the train may have started out as a through freight and changed along the route to a local freight.

In spite of the complexity of the situation and difficulties in the way, most officials here expressed themselves today as hopeful that the roads and their employes will be able to find a middle ground on which they can adjust their differences without resort to a disastrous strike. The conferences which began yesterday are expected to last a week or ten days, and the opinion here is that the matter finally will be submitted to arbitration and will in the end reach a conclusion satisfactory to both sides.

The opinion is that the situation at times may look threatening before the questions at issue are adjusted. It is not believed, however, that there will be any serious threat of a final break between the roads and their employes, at least not a general one. In the case of one or more individual roads there is a possibility, it is admitted, that the breaking point will be reached, if not actually accomplished. But, as will be recalled, the demands of the engineers and other employes affected were presented separately to the roads with the understanding that the employes of any one or more roads could make their peace separately with their road without reference to what the employes of another line might do if their demands were not granted.

### CHILD-WIDOW SUES

Wants \$20,000 Because Husband Was Killed by a Mule.

UNIONTOWN, June 7.—Mrs. Maud Leshefkey, through Attorney John Duggan, Jr., this afternoon filed a suit against the Pittsburgh Coal Company, asking \$20,000 damages for the death of John Leshefkey. It is alleged that a kick from a mule in the Banning No. 2 mine caused Leshefkey's death in the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, on November 5.

Mrs. Leshefkey sets forth that her husband was employed as a miner in the Banning No. 2 mine, and that on last October, 21 he was transferred from a miner to a driver. He was furnished with a "wild, vicious, dangerous and unruly mule," by the officials of the mine, it is alleged, the mine officials knowing at the time that the mule was a dangerous one. Leshefkey was kicked in the stomach, and it is alleged died from the injury a few days later.

Mrs. Leshefkey is only 15 years old and has one child. The suit was brought in her name and that of C. B. Christopher, her next friend.

### RIGHT OF WAY TANGLES.

May Delay the Re-Construction of the Somerset and Cambria Branch.

Legal tangles over the acquiring of right-of-way through certain sections of land in Somerset county may delay the building of the new Baltimore & Ohio branch between Johnstown and Rockwood.

Condemnation proceedings have been instituted in Somerset county on several of the plots, but negotiations are pending in others and it may be some time before the matter is finally adjusted.

It will be late in the summer before the railroad will have a clear right-of-way, and this will delay the construction well into the winter.

### THREE MONTHS' CASUALTIES.

On the Railroads Number More Than 36,000 Killed or Injured.

More than 48,000 persons were killed or injured in the United States by railroad accidents in the three months ending September 30, 1915.

Interstate Commerce Commission figures show that 2,331 were killed and 43,518 injured, a net decrease of 217 in the number killed and 3,697 in the number injured, as compared with the corresponding quarter in 1914.

Have You Coal Land for Sale? If you have coal land for sale advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

## HOW AMERICAN BUSINESS WILL BE AFFECTED BY PEACE

Munitions and Metal Trade Are Most Appreciative of the Results; Preparedness Is Demanded.

For the purpose of ascertaining whether in the opinion of business men of the country the present prosperity is artificial, and to discover if there is danger of a pronounced recession in trade when peace comes to Europe, Harris, Winthrop & Company, bankers of Chicago and New York, recently sent a questionnaire to representative business in all the more important lines of trade and commerce in every section of the United States. The replies are compiled in a pamphlet which is designed for free distribution.

The replies indicate that those who are most apprehensive as to the effect of peace in Europe are those engaged in the metal or munitions business. There is a preponderance of opinion expressed that the tariff should be taken out of politics but there is lack of agreement as to how this can best be done. Business men are overwhelmingly for real preparedness which will include industrial preparedness as well as adequate provisions for national defense. It is realized with great unanimity of expression that our foreign trade cannot be broadened, or domestic resources developed, fully, without adequate protection to Americans resident in other countries, and American industry at home.

Among the contributors to this symposium of business opinions is H. A. Kuhn, president of the Pittsburgh-Westmoreland Coal Company. In response to the inquiries he says:

"Speaking from my knowledge in the coal-mining industry, I would say that peace in Europe would not affect it one way or another.

"Prices on coal have increased over last year, which were then really below cost, but they are not what they should be yet, and there certainly have been no increases commensurate with the increased costs.

I would say that there is no unemployment of labor that is physically able to work in this section.

"Wages have been increased in all industries in this section, but to say that labor is contented is difficult. I can say, however, that it is probably as contented as it has been for a number of years, although good times bring on local strikes on account of the fact that labor often believes that while its wages are good it feels that it is getting its commensurate share of the profits of the industries in which it is engaged.

Another contributor designated as "A prominent Pennsylvania manufacturer of merchant pig iron" says: "Our business will not be directly affected by the end of the war in Europe. Of course many of our customers are using the iron to manufacture machinery on munition orders for the equipment of munition factories. The end of the war will indirectly end our sales to customers in this country.

"The consumption of our pig iron is not affected by the present high prices. The prices are not now as high as have ruled a number of times within the last few years, and I believe there will be a little increase before the reaction sets in and lower prices prevail.

The president and general manager of a large foundry company writes:

"It is generally agreed that the large volume of business is due entirely to the influence of the war, or to put it in another way, had it not been for the war, business would have been for a long time and now in a state of paralysis. Those activities that would be necessary for the mere maintenance of things would go on, but there would be no growth or development. Growth and development as now going on is regarded as due entirely to activities brought on by the war."

### REVENUES GAIN

Railroad Business for 10 Months Far Ahead of Year Ago.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The net revenues of the railroads of the United States show a considerable increase in the first 10 months of the present fiscal year as compared with the corresponding period last year, according to returns from 122 roads collated by the Interstate Commerce Commission and just made public.

The figures show that the net revenue per mile operated during the first 10 months this year was \$4,201, while in the same period last year it was \$3,587. The increase was largest in the eastern district where it rose from \$4,406 to \$6,466. In the western district the increase was from \$2,724 to \$3,261, and in the southern district from \$2,253 to \$3,276. The exceedingly heavy amount of freight hauled on the eastern roads for transport to Europe or for use in the manufacture of war munitions, was principally responsible for the growth in net returns to the railroads of this section of the country.

### WOMEN INCLUDED.

Wives of Railroad Men to Have a Part in the P. R. R.'s Regiment.

Not only will men of the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania Railroad be expected to join in the preparedness movement fostered by the company, but likewise many of the employes will be interested. The men will form a part of the regiment that is to be organized by the company in the Pittsburgh district. Wives of employes interested will be organized into a corps of nurses and cooks and will be trained in army work the same as their husbands.

Unborn Child Receives Compensation.

The Workmen's Compensation Board of Maryland has ruled that compensation can be awarded for a child yet unborn, to become effective upon its birth and continue until the child is sixteen years of age. In the decision the position was taken that the child is legally in being and entitled to compensation the same as a born child.

Germany's Steel Production.

The April output of steel ingots and castings in Germany is reported to have been 1,203,395 tons, being the smallest monthly production this year.

## Coal Freight Rates

TO EASTERN PORTS		ORIGINATING DISTRICT.			
Destination	Rate per Gross Ton of 2,240 lbs.	Pittsburg	Westmoreland	G'burg	Lairdsville
Baltimore, Md.	\$2.90	\$1.85	\$1.70	\$1.60	\$1.50
Chester, Pa.	2.80	1.75	1.60	1.50	1.40
Harrisburg, Pa.	2.70	1.65	1.50	1.40	1.30
Johnstown, Pa.	2.60	1.55	1.40	1.30	1.20
New York, N. Y.	2.50	1.45	1.30	1.20	1.10
Philadelphia, Pa.	2.40	1.35	1.20	1.10	1.00
Sparks Point, Md.	2.30	1.25	1.10	1.00	.90
Stanton, Pa.	2.20	1.15	1.00	.90	.80
South Bethlehem, Pa.	2.10	1.05	.90	.80	.70
Syracuse, N. Y.	2.00	.95	.80	.70	.60
To ATLANTIC PORTS via P. R. R.					
Greenwich, Pa.	1.75	.90	.75	.65	.55
Greenwich, Pa. for export	1.65	.80	.65	.55	.45
So. Amboy, N. J. F. O. B. Vessel	1.55	.70	.55	.45	.35
Haramon, N. J. F. O. B. Vessel	1.45	.60	.45	.35	.25
Greenwich, N. J. F. O. B. Vessel	1.35	.50	.35	.25	.15
Canton, Baltimore, Md.	1.25	.40	.25	.15	.05
Canton, Md. for export	1.15	.30	.15	.05	.00
To ATLANTIC PORTS via B. & O.					
St. George, N. Y. Coal Piers	2.25	1.10	.95	.85	.75
Philadelphia Coal Piers	2.15	1.00	.85	.75	.65
Philadelphia, Pa. for export	2.05	.90	.75	.65	.55
Curtis Bay, Balt. Piers	1.95	.80	.65	.55	.45
Curtis Bay, Balt. for export	1.85	.70	.55	.45	.35

\*The rate from the Fairmont District to Johnstown is 75c. The Connellsville Rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad south of Rutledge; from points on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River Railroad.

The Fairmont Rate on shipments via the Baltimore & Ohio applies to shipments from points east of Sutersville, Pa.; from points on the Fairfield & Masonville Branch and from the Fairmont Region of West Virginia.

TO WESTERN PORTS.		ORIGINATING DISTRICT.			
Destination	Rate per Net Ton of 2,000 lbs.	Pittsburg	Connellsville	Fairmont	
Canton, O.	\$0.55	\$1.10	\$1.05	\$1.00	
Columbus, O.	.50	1.00	.95	.90	
Cleveland, O.	.45	.90	.85	.80	
Cincinnati, O.	.40	.80	.75	.70	
Detroit, Mich.	.35	.70	.65	.60	
Indianapolis, Ind.	.30	.60	.55	.50	
Toledo, O.	.25	.50	.45	.40	
Youngstown, O.	.20	.40	.35	.30	
Lake Ports	.15	.30	.25	.20	

The Pittsburgh District includes points east as far as Lairdsville and south on the Southwest Branch to and including Rutledge, south to and including Brownsville and Bransell on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston Railroad; eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and eastward to Dickerson Run and southward to and including Brownsville on the New York Central line.

The Connellsville District includes points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad south of Rutledge; on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston except Bransell, and all Monongahela River Railroad points; New York Central points east of Dickerson Run, including Connellsville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio, Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.

## CREST OF STEEL WAVE REACHED IS VIEW OF BANKERS

District 4 of Federal Reserve Board Reports on Business Conditions.

### BETWEEN SEASONS FOR COAL

Railroads Not Buying Much Fuel Because Accumulation Taken On Some Months Ago Has Not Been Exhausted; The Pig Iron Situation Unusual.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Railroads are not taking much fuel owing to the fact that the accumulation in anticipation of a strike is not yet exhausted, says that part of a reported issued by the Federal Reserve Board, referring to District 4, including Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. In its statement of present business outlook and conditions in that district, it says:

"It is between seasons in the coal business. Lake navigation has not fully gotten under way as regards the shipment of coal.

"It looks as if the crest of the wave in prices has been reached in the steel business. Both seller and buyer are of the opinion that their best interests will be served by maintaining present conditions. There are one or two lines, such as car building and structural work, that have fallen off in activity first, because deliveries are somewhat extended and, second, because it is difficult for the buyer to figure out a remunerative return. The situation in the trade, however, is not regarded as any less strong, for specifications are still continuing in excess of shipments. Important steel companies have adopted the policy of writing down inventories out of concern against the date when inventory values may come down automatically.

"Pig iron is moving forward from the furnaces at a faster rate than it is being made. A larger percentage of furnaces are in blast than is usually the case at any one time, and without question many will have to go out for reining and other causes from now on. The ratio between Bessemer pig iron at \$21 per ton f. o. b. valley, and finished pig in shapes at between \$55 and \$60 a ton is most unusual.

### NO FANCY AFFAIR

Is the Business of Directing a Railroad Says Louis Hill.

Louis Hill, who succeeds his father in the management of the Hill properties is a man without frills. He realizes that there is a great task before him, and is going about it in a business way. Shortly after the death of his father he said:

"Most of the directors of the Great Northern are in the Great Northern building in St. Paul, which is headquarters, which is where they belong. A directorship isn't a fancy affair. It's a business of directing. So I'm afraid I shall never be a figure along Broadway or even La Salle street, but shall continue to operate railroads out of St. Paul the best I know how and have the boys just call me Louis and look after things like rolling stock, roadbeds, promotion of agricultural and mining conditions along our right of way, and try not to work too hard—say not more than twelve or fourteen hours a day."

Negotiating for Coal & Coke R. R.

Information comes from Charleston, W. Va., that negotiations are pending by which the Western Maryland Railroad Company will acquire the Coal & Coke railroad, extending from Charleston to Elkins, W. Va.

Rig Russian Car Order.

It is reported that the Russian Government has placed an order for 1,000 steel cars with the Seattle Car & Foundry Company. The cars are designed for the transportation of troops and war munitions.

## DEVELOPMENT OF BENZOL INDUSTRY IN THIS COUNTRY

Many Plants Already in Operation; Others in Course of Construction.

The recovery of benzol, toluol and solvent naphtha from the by-products of coking by the rector process has called a large number of plants into being in the United States and a still larger number are projected and already in course of construction. Those already in operation are as follows:

Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, Emley and Fairfield, Ala.; Woodward Iron Company, Woodward, Ala.; By-Products Coke Corporation, South Chicago, Ill.; Illinois Steel Company, Gary, Ind.; Inland Steel Company, Indiana Harbor, Ind.; Citizens' Gas Company, Indianapolis; Camden Coke Company, Camden, N. J.; Lackawanna Steel Company, Lackawanna, N. Y.; Solvay Process Company, Syracuse, N. Y.; Otto Coke Company, Hamilton, O.; Republic Iron & Steel Company, Youngstown, O.; Algoma Steel Corporation, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; United States Steel Corporation, Farrell, Pa.; Cambria Steel Company, Johnstown, (two plants); Lehigh Coke Company, South Bethlehem.

The plants projected and in course of construction are as follows: Gulf States Steel Company, Gadsden, Ala.; Indiana Coal, Coke & Gas Company, Terre Haute, Ind.; Western States Steel Company, St. Paul, Minn.; Seaboard By-Product Coke Company, Jersey City, N. J.; Wickwire Steel Company, Buffalo; Niagara Coke Corporation, Lackawanna, N. Y.; United Furnace Company, Canton, O.; Dover Furnace Company, Canal Dover, O.; Cleveland Furnace Company, Cleveland; Corrigan, McKinney & Company, Cleveland; Toledo Furnace Company, Toledo, O.; Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company, Youngstown; Briar Hill Steel Company, Youngstown; United Gas & Fuel Company, Ltd., Hamilton, Ont., and the La Belle Iron Works, Follansbee, W. Va.

No plant connected with steel companies has gone into the making of dyes, but an increasing quantity of dyes is being manufactured in this country. The Sherwin-Williams Company, paint manufacturers, Cleveland, has announced that it has established at its plant at Fallman, Ill., a factory for the extensive manufacture of dyestuffs. A large staff of expert chemists formerly engaged in the dyestuff industry in Germany has been conducting experiments for this company for the past six months.

### MORE FURNACES TO BLOW IN.

Several Southern Stacks Being Added to the Active List.

The Sloss-Sheffield Company on July 1st will blow in the "city stacks," Birmingham. On the same date the largest furnace of this company will be transferred to basic ore for the balance of the year. The new Sheffield stack is scheduled to go in on August 1st.

The Alabama Steel Company will blow in the Gadsden stack about August 1st and the Vanderbilt furnace of the Woodward Iron Company will be blown in June 10th or when the larger stack is blown out.

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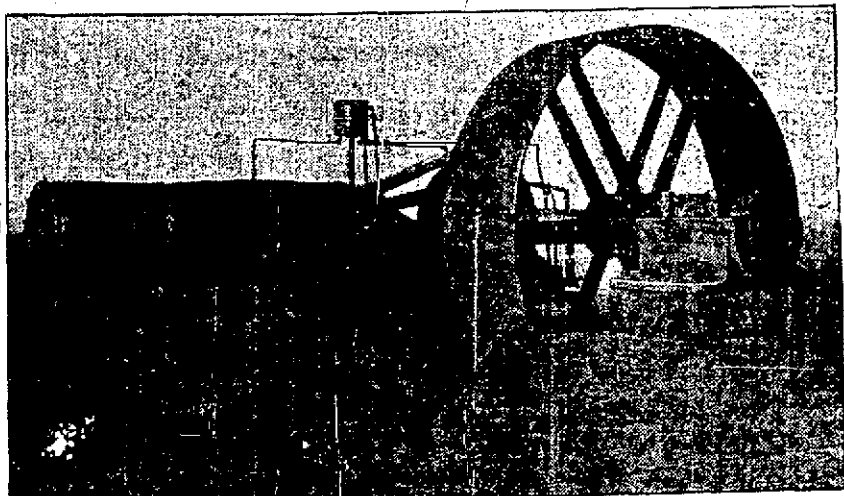
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Austin Coal & Coke Co., Plants 2 and 3.....	428	H. C. Erick Coal Co., Yorkrun, Shofst and Bltner.....	1,000
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